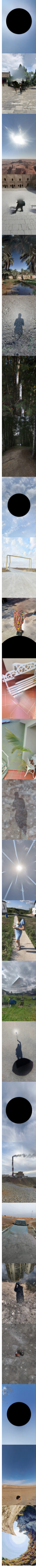


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**Statement**

In “The Black Sun of Autocracy”, I travel to autocratic countries\* using Google Street View. I find and capture digital artifacts that remind me of the essence of this regime.

The protagonist of this series is the black circle, also known as the black sun that shone over these countries.

\*Autocracy (from the Greek. αὐτοκρατεία) is a form of government that represents the unlimited sovereignty of one person in the state.

**Biography**

**Nika Sandler** is an artist working with photography and text. She explores the themes of human and non-human gaze, gender, pleasure, creepy and disgusting. She was published in the magazines i-D, Libération, Der Greif, Phroom Platform, Calvert Journal, Metal Magazine, L’Oeil de la Photographie, BROAD, Bird in Flight, FK Magazine, Grandmama’s Print, Float Magazine, etc. She is also the winner of the Small File Photo Festival 2023 organized by The Photographers’ Gallery, London.

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